

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Borough of Manasquan

The Combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Public meetings of the Manasquan Board of Education were held in the Manasquan High School Charles Raffetto Media Center, 167 Broad Street, Manasquan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

The President, Mr. Pellegrino, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and read the Opening Statement.

1. Call to Order

Opening Statement: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-10, notice of this meeting has been provided by publication in the Asbury Park Press, the Coast Star and posted in the Borough Hall of Manasquan and in the schools within the time limits prescribed by law.

Call to Order

Mr. Pellegrino requested that everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Roll Call

Bruce Bolderman	Mark Furey (Belmar) - absent	Thomas Pellegrino
Donna Bossone	Terence Hoverter	Alfred Sorino
Eugene Cattani	Joseph Loffredo	Tedd Vitale (Brielle) - absent
Linda DiPalma	Anne McGarry (SLH)	Colin Warren

Also Present: Dr. Frank Kasyan, Superintendent of Schools; Lynn Coates, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Gabrielle Pettineo, Board Attorney; Lesley Kenney, Director of School Counseling Services; Barbara Kerensky, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Jesse Place, Director of Technology and Human Resources; Sandi Freeman, Recording Secretary; Finn Cuzzo and Casey Campbell, Student Board Representatives. Kennedy Miller and Mary Mills, Student Board Representatives were not in attendance.

**Brielle Board of Education Board Representatives Stephen LaValva and Joseph Milancewich were not in attendance.*

Quorum Reached

Mr. Pellegrino read the Mission Statement and Statement to the Public.

4. Mission Statement

Manasquan School District empowers all students by providing a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment where continual growth, perseverance, and rigorous academic standards are balanced with extensive extra-curricular opportunities and rich tradition through partnership with community.

Mission Statement

5. Statement to the Public

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. If the Superintendent of Schools is satisfied that the matter is ready to be presented to the Board of Education, it is then placed on the agenda at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. The members of the Board work with the administration and the Superintendent of Schools to assure that they fully understand the matter. After the Committee of the Whole approves the matter, it is placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

Statement to the Public

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Bolderman, seconded by Mr. Sorino, to accept and approve the minutes as specified in Item #6.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0); Abstain (1) Mr. Hoverter; Absent (2) Mr. Furey and Mr. Vitale

MOTION CARRIED

6. Acceptance of Minutes

Recommend acceptance and approval of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Closed Executive Session of September 18, 2018 and the Regular Public Meeting and Closed Executive Session of September 25, 2018. Executive Session Minutes will be withheld from disclosure until such time as the reasons for discussing and acting on a matter in closed executive session no longer exists.

Mr. Pellegrino requested that Mrs. Coates administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Cuozzo and Mr. Campbell. Mr. Pellegrino welcomed the students to the board and asked them to present their reports.

7. Student Board Representative Report

• Oath of Office

- **Finn Cuozzo**
- **Kennedy Miller**
- **Casey Campbell**

Finn Cuozzo provided the following Key Club Report: Finn reported that there are many new members including freshmen in the Key Club. The members helped out a Brielle Day and also help out at the Elks Breakfasts held every second Sunday of the month.

Casey Campbell provided the following Student Council Report: Casey said that members are working on plans for homecoming. The seniors have decided their theme and are preparing for the hallway decorating. They are trying to get more freshmen involved and have met with them about joining.

Mr. Pellegrino thanked the students for their reports and asked for a motion to accept the Student Representatives Report.

Motion was made by Mr. Hoverter, seconded by Mr. Cattani, to accept the Student Board Representatives Reports.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Mr. Furey, Mr. Vitale

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pellegrino turned the floor over to Dr. Kasyan for the presentations.

8. Presentations

Dr. Kasyan provided the criteria involved in being selected as a student of the month.

- **High School Students of the Month for September** – Stephen Speicher, Senior – Rachel Wall, Junior – Ryan McCarthy, Sophomore – Liam Kelly, Freshman
- **High School Teacher of the Month for September**– Amy Edwards
- **Elementary School Student of the Month for September** – Jack Butler

Minutes

Student Board Representative Oath of Office and Reports

Acceptance of Student Board Representative Report

Presentations

Students and Teachers of the Month

- **Elementary School Teacher of the Month for September – Marc Reid**
- **Elks Elementary School Student of the Month for September- Lessly Sanchez-Sorto**
- **Elks Teenager of the Month for September- Anders Scala**

Dr. Kasyan introduced and congratulated the students of the month and the Elks students of the month and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation and Wally Bucks. Several of the students thanked their parents, teachers and the board for providing many opportunities to succeed.

Dr. Kasyan read a poem prior to introducing and congratulating the teachers of the month and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and Wally Bucks. Dr. Kasyan said the high school teacher of the month is chosen by the senior student of the month. He introduced and congratulated Mrs. Amy Edwards. Ms. Edwards thanked Stephen for nominating her and complimented the students on how they make it easy to be a teacher by working really hard. Mr. Reid, the elementary school teacher of the month, was not in attendance this evening.

- **Academy of Engineering STEAM Tank Challenge Presentation and Recognition**

Dr. Kasyan introduced Amy Edward and Claire Kozic who collaborated on this year's STEAM Tank Challenge. Mrs. Edwards provided information on the STEAM Tank Challenge and explained that this year the Academy of Engineering teamed up with the Academy of Health Careers and focused on biomedical engineering. They had twenty-four entries this year that resulted in eight in the semi-finals and four will be going to the finals next week at the New Jersey School Boards Workshop in Atlantic City. She encouraged anyone attending the workshop to go to the challenge and vote. Ms. Kozic complimented the students and the efforts made in putting together their presentation.

The following students presented their STEAM Tank Challenge presentation. The Eco-Cast team members: Elise Schmieder, Rachel Wall and Marina Zuk. The Exo-Case by Exo-Innovations team members: Christopher Palangio, Matthew Palangio and Harvey Zhang. The Magno-Car team members: Alex Graetz and Madison Hicks. The TIC Mask team members; Kyle Bauter and Stephen Speicher

Dr. Kasyan thanked Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Kozic and the students for their presentations.

Dr. Kasyan introduced Mrs. Kerensky and Mr. Roach for a report on the PARCC testing scores.

- **PARCC Presentation – Presented by Barbara Kerensky and Justin Roach**

Mrs. Kerensky and Mr. Roach reviewed the spring 2017 PARCC scores. She thanked and congratulated the teachers for their efforts in staying on top of the changes presented each year with the PARCC testing to make sure the students are well prepared not only for the test but for their future education. Mrs. Kerensky presented the math scores. The presentation provided a comparison of how Manasquan students did in relationship to students all over the state. Mrs. Kerensky said that we are continually looking at new strategies to improve the students' scores and will provide professional development for the teachers to assist with this effort. She said the PARCC testing is an evolving test and efforts are being made to keep the students and teachers up to date. Mr. Roach presented the language arts scores and explained the three different areas of testing. He spoke on the different methods and programs used to teach the skills that prepare students for the test. Mr. Roach presented the language arts scores. He said for the coming year students will be tested in both grades 9 and 10 with the grade 11 test being eliminated. He hopes that the full year

Presentations
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Month

STEAM Tank
Challenge
Presentation

PARCC
Presentation

curriculum will result in more success with the testing. A copy of the presentation will be included in the formal minutes.

Mr. Loffredo asked if scores are looked at historically to see if there is a pattern with the areas of low scores being in a specific grade. Mrs. Kerensky explained how the indicators provided by the state are applied to see where the students are struggling. Comparing year to year involves different students and does not provide an accurate assessment. Mr. Pellegrino asked what is being done to help those students in the 4th grade who have difficulty with math. Mr. Roach said professional development is being provided in K-5 on specific strategies in math instruction.

Dr. Kasyan asked if there is any specific area of instruction that needs to be worked on. Mr. Roach said that the curriculum is being looked into to better integrate the standards and assure that the materials and instruction match up with the required standards. Dr. Kasyan asked what was done with the language arts curriculum that provided us to have 29% of the students in grade 4 exceed expectations. Mr. Roach said there are many support systems in place in grades 3, 4 and 5 for language arts. Dr. Kasyan asked if it would be beneficial to mirror what has been done in language art in the math program. Mr. Roach said that having a math specialist on staff would provide the same assistance to the students as the reading specialist. Mrs. Graziano said that over the past three to four years the positive results of having a reading specialist is very noticeable. She would love to have a math specialist. Dr. Kasyan said he would like to approach the budget to make sure that we fill all the needs that are primary in both schools and the math specialist is one of those needs.

Mrs. Graziano addressed Mr. Loffredo's question on how long would it take to implement the services of a math specialist and said once the position is in place the benefits would begin immediately. Mrs. Kerensky addressed a question asked by Mrs. DiPalma on what has changed with the math program from that in the past when scores were higher and said that the standards and expectations have changed with things once taught in the 5th grade now being taught in 3rd grade and the 4th graders may not have had this instruction and yet were tested on it. Mrs. Kerensky said that change takes time and strategies are being implemented to move in the right direction. Mr. Roach said that a change is going to be made to reduce the time of the test but he does not know if changes would be made to shorten the test or if they would be compressing the same test into a shorter testing time. This change could affect the results of the test and make a comparison difficult.

Dr. Kasyan said that there is a progression shown in the testing and he believes that this indicates that the students are getting a foundation in the lower grades and we are moving in the right direction.

Mr. Cattani asked if there was a way to see how the district's scores compare with comparable schools such as our sending districts. Mrs. Kerensky said that the school report cards would provide this information once released. Mr. Loffredo suggested looking at last year's for comparison. Dr. Kasyan said that would provide information on different students. It was decided to wait for the new report card in December.

Mrs. Bossone spoke on the different methods of math her son experienced in the elementary school. She asked if we are teaching basic math now. Mrs. Graziano said that basic math is being taught at this time. Mr. Roach said that this is a criticism of the PARCC testing because it is not just based on the numerical answer but on the work the student shows and a writing component in the math section.

Dr. Kasyan addressed a question asked by a member of the public on who develops the standards and said that it is basically 21st century skills developed by the New Jersey Department of Education that are more critical and more analytical. PARCC asks the student to explain how you got the answer in a critical fashion. Dr. Kasyan said there is a need for inquiry based learning. He said that PARCC testing is going to change because the new Commissioner of Education along with the new governor feel that it is too stressful for the students. Mr. Loffredo complimented Mrs. Graziano's staff for the extra help provided to the students.

Dr. Kasyan ended the presentation portion of the meeting and continued with the Committee of the Whole discussion items.

9. Discussion Items October 16, 2018 Agenda

• Education, Curriculum & Technology

○ Homework and Assessments Policy

Dr. Kasyan said that parents' concerns have been considered along with speaking with teachers regarding homework. The October 8th professional development focused on concerns being expressed to the teachers with each department meeting to look at their homework practices as well as assessment practices and letting them know the expectations. Dr. Kasyan provided a list of the unweighted marking period one grades from last year along with this year's grade point average for every academic and elective courses. He said this data does not show any difference with regards to how our students excelled last year to where they are this year.

Dr. Kasyan referred to the Homework and Assessments Policy that he asked the board to review. He said during the October 8th meetings the teachers were informed that it is expected that students have homework; however the types and lengths of homework are important. The teachers have been asked to keep in mind that the students have other classes and try to minimize the type of homework assigned. Dr. Kasyan referred to number 7 in the policy that references homework not exceeding 30 minutes per night for any class. It was decided to wait until after the first marking period to speak with students and after that time if needed a policy will be enacted with a revised time period. Mr. Pellegrino questioned waiting since there is a problem now and feels three hours of homework is too much. Dr. Kasyan said that he wanted to give the teachers the opportunity of a full marking period to work on the homework component. Mrs. Kenney said that after speaking with students most have said that the homework situation has gotten better. She said this is a learning process for both the teachers and the students and homework has to be managed and balanced but over the last couple week there has been more of a balance. She said that putting a specific time line in place takes away the autonomy for the teachers. Mrs. Kerensky said that waiting until after the end of the marking period will allow students, teachers and parents to grow and understand the schedule. Mrs. Kerensky referred to moving to block schedule over twenty years ago and said that didn't happen overnight. Dr. Kasyan said the purpose of home learning is to practice for mastery what was taught during the course of the day. Mrs. Bossonne referred to the number of tests given in one day and asked if this was addressed to provide a more balanced schedule for testing. Dr. Kasyan said this is addressed in the policy. Mr. Warren said autonomy is important for the teachers but it is also important to realize that teachers need an adjustment period and but they need to move faster. Dr. Kasyan said the policy was last adopted in 2011 and asked the board members to let him know if they feel changes are needed now or if it should be looked into further. Mr. Pellegrino asked if anyone was interested in revising the policy tonight or waiting until the end of the first marking period. The majority of the board was in agreement to vote on the policy this evening.

○ Length of Lunch Lines

Dr. Kasyan reviewed the length of lunch lines and complimented the lunch staff on providing lunch to the students in a reasonable amount of time. Mr. Place provided a report compiled by reviewing security footage in the cafeteria during the lunch time to analyze the cafeteria serving times. Mr. Place said the lines spike about five minutes into the lunch period with a six minute wait with the wait time significantly decreases later in the lunch period. Dr. Kasyan said seven freshman came into the cafeteria at 10:50 a.m. and had no line at this time. Last year the average lunch line time was twelve minutes. Mr. Pellegrino said he was told by students that they were not eating in the cafeteria because it took too long to get lunch. A comparison was conducted from this year to last and it shows that there is not a major difference in the amount of lunches served this year versus last year. He feels the students need to be reassured that it is not taking that long to get lunch. Mrs. Kenney said that she heard concerns from parents of seniors that because of the earliness of the lunch and there weren't many places available for the students to go for lunch. She reached out to one of the local restaurants and they were going to open early on Tuesdays and Thursdays to

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accommodate the students and possibly arrange for a call ahead service to order. Mr. Pellegrino said he was also told that the lunch period is too early for some students. Mrs. Kerensky said the first lunch on the old schedule was at 10:30 a.m.

- **Personnel– To be Discussed in Executive Session- Agenda Items***

Dr. Kasyan said personnel would be discussed in executive session.

- **Policy - Agenda Items***

Dr. Kasyan referred to policies that will be on the agenda for board approval that were reviewed at the last meeting.

- **Policy for 2nd Reading**

- P8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

Dr. Kasyan turned the floor over to Mrs. Coates for a report on the budget plan of action.

- **Finance - Agenda Items***

- 2019-2020 Budget Plan of Action

Mrs. Coates referred to Document I that outlines the roles and responsibilities along with the associated timelines for the upcoming 2019-20 budget cycle. She reviewed a few of the steps and dates that are addressed within the plan of action.

Mrs. Coates continued with the Buildings & Grounds/Facilities discussion items.

- **Buildings & Grounds/Facilities**

- Lower Turf Field

Mrs. Coates referred to the LandTek change orders included in the Virtual Handouts. She and Dr. Kasyan met with representatives from LandTek to review the change orders. Three are owner requested and one reflects the credit discussed last month for the reconfiguration of the culvert and one is for unsuitable material found beneath the ground that will need to be disposed of properly. She explained that these prices are not final and pending further review from the contractor and engineer. Mrs. Coates said that additional erosion was located underneath the culvert and there is a change order, in the amount of \$29,427 for repair of the erosion. This price is also under review. It was explained that this is in the area of the easement on the property and with Suburban's assistance a letter was drafted and sent to Monmouth County Department of Public Works and Engineering that identifies the issue and explains that the erosion has progressed between January and February of this year. We are asking the county for financial assistance or for them to repair the erosion. Mrs. Coates said this work does not need to be completed at this time and will not prevent the completion of the field.

- Science Hall Dedication Proposal

Mrs. Coates referred to the virtual handout titled Science Hall Dedication Proposal and as a point of information said that a request has been received to have the new science wing in the high school named after Sgt. Ronald Kubick.

Dr. Kasyan continued with the Superintendent's Report.

10. Superintendent's Report & Information Items

- **Enrollment– Document A**

- **Total Enrollment– 1,511**
 - High School – 968
 - Elementary School – 543

Dr. Kasyan reported on the district enrollment for the month of September 2018, as specified in Document A.

Length of
Lunch Lines

Personnel
(No Report)

Policy

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P8561

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Action

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Field

Science Hall
Dedication
Proposal

Supt's Report

Enrollment
Document A

- **Attendance Comparison, Fire Drill Reports, Suspensions & Tardy Reports–
Document B
Fire Drill Reports**
 - **High School:**
 - September 14th – Lockdown
 - September 18th – Fire Drill
 - **Elementary School:**
 - September 14th – Lockdown
 - September 28th – Fire Drill

Dr. Kasyan reported on the attendance comparison and fire drills and lockdown drills, as specified in Document B.

- **HIB Monthly Report – Document C**
 - **High School:**
Three Incidents – 3 Not HIB
 - **Elementary School: No Report for the Month**

Dr. Kasyan reported on the HIB Monthly Report for September, as specified in Document C.

- **High School Calendar Change**
 - November 19th – Early Dismissal Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
 - November 20th – Early Dismissal Day (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Dr. Kasyan reported that after discussion with the high school administrators it was decided that parent/teacher conferences would be held in the high school after first marking period grades went home. An early dismissal has been planned for November 19th and 20th after discussion with the association and administrators and parents could use the time between 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make appointments for parent/teacher conferences through the use of Genesis.

- **2019-2020 High School Girls Volleyball Team Request**

Dr. Kasyan explained that clubs in place for three years that show a continuity of student involvement would be eligible to be moved to a varsity or junior varsity sport. Mr. Cahill provided rosters from the past three years from the girls' volleyball team and it is being requested to recognize the high school girls' volleyball club as an actual junior varsity and varsity program. The total cost of this program will be \$18,700. Dr. Kasyan said that approval of the high school girls' volleyball team will be included in the approval of the Superintendent's report.

Dr. Kasyan continued with the director's reports.

- **Report of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction – No Report**
- **Report of the Director of Technology and Human Resources**

Mr. Place called the board's attention to agenda item #33 which is a new lease for copiers. Proposals were solicited from our two major copier vendors and this is a new lease for major machines at the end of their lease. The new agreement will provide around a \$550 per month savings over the last lease. Mr. Place reported that during the teacher's convention dates of November 8th and 9th the data center will be moved from the ground floor to the top floor of the new addition. This will involve coordination between his staff and vendors to move and reconnect the fiber optic connections in the district. The process will take place on these days to be the least intrusive to the district and accessible to the vendors since it is not a holiday for them. During these two days the district network services both in district and at home will not be available.

Attendance,
Fire Drill
Reports
Suspensions &
Tardy Reports
Document B

HIB Monthly
Reports
Document C

H.S. Calendar
Change

2019-20 H.S.
Girls Volleyball
Team Request

Director of
Curriculum &
Instruction
No Report

Director of
Technology &
Human
Resources
Mr. Place

- **Report of the Director of School Counseling Services**

Mrs. Kenney reported that the 8th grade parent night programs have been held at the sending districts with both 7th and 8th graders included in the visits. The freshman for a day registration opened up today with around 40 students signed up at this time. There are eight specific dates included in the program this year with 10 to 12 students per date. Next Wednesday and Thursday is the annual 8th grade open house nights and this Thursday is the annual College Night with over 65 colleges attending the program. Mrs. DiPalma asked how the colleges are contacted for the program. Mrs. Kenney said they work off a list of colleges in addition to Naviance. Manasquan's College Night is considered one of the better programs in the area so schools request to be included in the program. Mrs. DiPalma asked if the vocational schools for trades are also included in the program. Mrs. Kenney said that vocational schools are also included in the email notification; however the Monmouth County Vocational Schools are not participating. Mrs. DiPalma encouraged providing the middle school student information on the vocational schools.

Director of
School
Counseling
Services
Mrs. Kenney

Recommend approval and acceptance of the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to approve and accept the Superintendent's Report.

Acceptance of
Supt's Report

Motion was made by Mrs. Bossone, seconded by Mr. Sorino, to approve and accept the Superintendent's Report.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Mr. Furey, Mr. Vitale

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pellegrino opened the Public Forum on Agenda Items and read the following statement.

11. Public Forum on Agenda Items

Time may be allocated for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker may be allotted a limited time when recognized by the presiding officer. In the event it appears the public comment portion of the meeting may exceed 45 minutes, the presiding officer may limit each statement made by a participant to 3-5 minutes duration. Individuals wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer and shall give their names, addresses and the group, if any, that they represent. Although the Board encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through its presiding officer, to terminate remarks to and/or by any individual not keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. During the public participation portions of this meeting, the Board will not respond to questions from the public involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, negotiations, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific or prospective or current employee. This public forum is limited to comment on items included in this agenda only.

Public Forum
on Agenda
Items

Steven Walker, Crescent Place, Sea Girt – Mr. Walker said that the board's prospective on a 3-hour duration for homework is not real. Students have other activities that get in the way of doing 3 hours of homework. Students that are doing three to four hours of homework a night are burned out and stressed out by graduation. As a parent who agrees that education is very important he said there are other aspects in life that need to be considered such as socialization, sports, interaction with siblings and parents and clubs. He believes that if a teacher is doing a good job in class a long period of homework is not necessary to teach. Mr. Walker said that the longevity of PARCC testing does not provide an accurate means to determine how every student is learning because some students do not test well. Thirty minutes of homework is not thirty minutes for every student in the class and doing homework until 1:00 in the morning is too much for any kid. Mr. Walker said he was impressed with the board but the time allotted for homework needs to be based on the student and subject and some kind of standard should be set not per class but for what is trying to be attained in the class. Setting a standard of two hours a night across the board is not effective since not every class is the same. Dr. Kasyan thanked Mr. Walker for coming to the microphone and asked him who

he felt would be the right person to ask about how much homework is necessary to master what is being taught. Mr. Walker suggested that the graduating students should be provided with an exit conference interview to reflect back on their experience in school with this as an exit question. He said a balance needs to be found and thirty dedicated minutes per class is probably adequate.

Alison Hawes, Sequoia Court, Brielle – Ms. Hawes feels that the board does not understand what parents are going through with homework. She said thirty minutes and six classes amounts to three hours of homework. Her daughter was up until two in the morning doing homework. She feels the homework situation is not getting better and parents are not being listened to by the school. She favored the block schedule and said this schedule is not working. The parents and students are suffering and it needs to be fixed.

Bridget Sawitsky, Woodland Avenue, Brielle – Ms. Sawitsky heard that parents were addressing the homework situation with the board and not going to teachers. She went to the teachers and received conflicting answers on how much homework they can assign nightly. One reaction from a teacher when she brought up the two hour homework limit mention at back to school night was that two hours is not enough. Teachers do not have the same message on homework. Both of her children are overwhelmed with the work and two hours turns into four to five hours. There is not enough time during the lunch period to go for extra help with six or seven classes. Students are dropping out of extracurricular activities and quitting their jobs and struggling at home. This needs to be considered by getting across to the teachers on what the expectations of homework are and how it is supposed to be used the next day in class.

Kathy Meseroll, Woodland Avenue, Brielle – Ms. Meseroll requested that the study period be offered to the students. Her son is a freshman and finds it hard to participate in sports and do his homework.

Danielle Wise, Mount Laurel Lane, Brielle – Ms. Wise asked if the teachers have been asked how they feel about the new schedule. Dr. Kasyan said that teachers visited different schools using this schedule and met as a committee to review this schedule and other schedules and those teachers felt that this was the schedule to bring to the high school. Ms. Wise asked if the teachers are really happy with this schedule.

Mr. Pellegrino closed the public forum seeing no further public participation.

Mr. Pellegrino continued with the Manasquan General Items #12 - #21 and asked if there was a need for a separate vote on any item. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to approve Items #12 through #21.

Manasquan
General Items
#12 - #21

Motion was made by Mr. Hoverter, seconded by Mr. Sorino, to approve Manasquan General Items #12 through #21.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (0)

MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN
General Items

- 12. **Recommend** approval of the 2018-2019 transportation contracts and agreements for Manasquan resident students, as per **Document 1**.
- 13. **Recommend** approval of the creation of a central fund account for the Road Runners Club.
- 14. **Recommend** approval of the following pay application (*pending attorney review*):
 - Pay Application #4 from CM3, for Access Control System at Manasquan Elementary School, in the amount of \$3,830.40.

2018-19
Transportation
Document 1

Central Fund
Acct. Road
Runners Club

Pay App #4
CM3
E.S. Access
Control System

15. **Recommend** approval of an emergency contract with ServPro to remediate storm related water damage to the Elementary School, in the amount of \$4,610.67. Purchases of services in response to an emergency can be made without regard to public quote/bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1. A reimbursement from a submitted insurance claim has been received and covered most of the cost.

*ServPro
Emergency
Services*

16. **Recommend** approval of the acceptance of a gift card donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Ocean First Bank from the school’s application for a Model Classroom Grant – funds to be used to purchase materials for the Media Center/Stem Lab.

*Ocean First
Bank – Model
Classroom
Grant*

Professional Days

17. **Recommend** approval of the **attendance** of staff members at conferences/workshops indicated below:

*E.S.
Professional
Days*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Sub</u>	<u>Cost</u>
October 8, 2018	Alissa Boyne Nicole Destefano	Spring Lake	PLC Sending District Workshop	No	Mileage-\$1.67
October 15,16, 2018	Justin Roach	Toms River	Professional Development Academy	No	Registration
October 26, 2018	Heather Saake Elizabeth Mclaughlin	New Brunswick	Visually Impaired Learning Workshop	Yes-2	Mileage-\$12.34

Student Action
Field Trips

E.S. Field Trips

18. **Recommend** approval of the field trips listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Sub</u>	<u>Other Board Costs</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>
May 14, 2019	Catherine Taft Desiree Faul Taylor Ames Tara MacGlashan Pamela Kelly Nurse (TBD)	Grade 4	Trenton	New Jersey Government and Historical Sites	Yes-1	2 Buses - \$331 each	Student Funds
May 15, 2019	Brian McCann Samantha Hagel Teresa Reichy Jamie McMullen Meghan Dullea Gerald Brown Amelia Gliddon Nurse (TBD)	Grade 5	Camden	Aquarium Science Ecosystem Tour	Yes-1	2 Buses - \$331 each	Student Funds
June 2019 (Date-TBD)	Catherine Taft Taylor Ames Pamela Kelly	Grade 4	Bailey Reed House	Manasquan History	No	None	None
June 2019 (Date-TBD)	Catherine Taft Desiree Faul	Grade 4	Bailey Reed House	Manasquan History	No	None	None

June 2019 (Date-TBD)	Catherine Taft Tara MacGlashan	Grade 4	Bailey Reed House	Manasquan History	No	None	None
June 2019 (Date-TBD)	Catherine Taft	Grade 4	Bailey Reed House	Manasquan History	No	None	None
March 22, 2019	Catherine Kappy Cynthia Kirk Carmen Rodriguez Justine Rotante	Grade 1	Sea Girt	Tour of Barlow's Garden Center	Yes-1	None	Student Funds
December 14, 2018	Catherine Kappy Cynthia Kirk Carmen Rodriguez Justine Rotante Nurse (TBD)	Grade 1	Algonquin Theater	Attend a Live Performance	Yes-1	None	Student Funds
December 14, 2018	Catherine Taft Desiree Faul Taylor Ames Tara MacGlashan Pamela Kelly	Grade 4	Algonquin Theater	Attend a Live Performance	No	None	Student Funds

E.S. Field Trips
(continued)

Placement of Students on Home Instruction

19. **Recommend** that the following student(s) be placed on home instruction, as requested by Guidance or the Child Study Team and approved by the school physician: None at this time

E.S. Home
Instruction
(No Report)

Placement of Students Out of District

20. **Recommend** approval of the revised 2018-19 External Placement list that reflects tuition costs and transportation costs, as per **Document 2**.

2018-19.
External
Placements
Document 2

Financials

21. **Recommend acceptance** of the following **Elementary School Central Funds Report** for the month ending **September, 2018 as per Document 3**.

Financials
E.S. Central
Funds
Document 3

Mr. Pellegrino continued with the Manasquan/Sending District General Items #22 - #36 and asked if there was a need for a separate vote on any item. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to approve Items #22 through #36.

Manasquan/
Sending
District Items
#22 - #36

Motion was made by Mrs. DiPalma, seconded by Mr. Cattani, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Items #22 through #36.

Discussion: Mrs. McGarry asked why we use the Atlantic Club. Dr. Kasyan said it is used by the swim team.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Mr. Furey, Mr. Vitale

MOTION CARRIED

MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS

General Items

22. **Secretary's Report/Financials**

Recommend acceptance of the following **Financial Reports, High School Central Funds Report, Purchase Orders and Payment and Confirmation of Bills (Current Expense) and (Capital Expense)**.

Financial
Reports

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies that as of **SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** no budgetary appropriations account has obligations and payments, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan.

*Secretary's
Certification*

Be it Resolved; that the amount of district taxes, excluding debt services requirements, needed to meet the obligations of this Board for the next eight weeks is **\$2,557,093.00** and that Manasquan Borough Council is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys that amount within the 30 days in accordance with the statutes relating thereto.

District Taxes

Be It Resolved: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3 the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan accepts the **Business Administrator/Board Secretary's** certification as of **SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** that no budgetary appropriations account has obligations and payments, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the borough of Manasquan Board of Education.

*Acceptance of
Secretary's
Certification*

Recommend acceptance of the **Secretary's Financial & Investment Report** and the **Treasurer's Report**, for the month ending **SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** per **Document D**. (The Treasurer of School Moneys Report for the month of **SEPTEMBER 2018** is on file in the Business Office and is in balance with the Secretary's Report).

*Secretary's
Financial &
Investment
Report
Document D*

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, we the members of the Board of Education of the Borough of Manasquan, County of Monmouth, after having reviewed the Report of the Secretary and upon consultation with the appropriate officials, certify that as of **SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**, it is to the best of our knowledge that no major account fund has been expanded and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and that the Board of Education further approves the transfers made with line item accounts of the current expense portion of the **2018-2019 budgets** for **SEPTEMBER** and **OCTOBER** as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, as per **Document D**.

*Budget
Certification
Document D*

Purchase Orders for the month of **OCTOBER 2018** be approved, as per **Document E**.

*Purchase
Orders
Document E*

Recommend **acceptance** of the **Cafeteria Report** – **Document F**.

*Cafeteria
Report
Document F*

(C) Be it Resolved: that the **Bills (Current Expense)** in the amount of **\$1,430,598.99** for the month of **OCTOBER, 2018** be approved. Record of checks (**#43156** through **#43253**), and distributions are on file in the Business Office.

*Bills
(Current
Expense)*

Be it Resolved: that the **Bills (Capital Expense)** in the amount of **\$78,591.35** for the month of **OCTOBER, 2018** be approved. Record of checks (**#1274** through **#1278**), and distributions are on file in the Business Office.

*Bills
(Capital
Expense)*

Confirmation of **Bills (Current Expense)** for **SEPTEMBER, 2018** at **\$2,944,444.96** and checks (**#42911** through **#43155**) and **(Capital Expense)** for **SEPTEMBER, 2018** at **\$1,284,200.07** and checks (**#1237** through **#1273**).

*Confirmation
of Bills (Current
& Capital
Expense)*

Recommend acceptance of the following **High School Central Funds Report** for the month ending **SEPTEMBER, 2018** as per **Document G**.

*H.S. Central
Funds
Document G*

23. Recommend approval of the second reading and adoption of the following policy, as per **Document H**:

*Policy P8561 –
2nd Reading
Document H*

- P8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

24. **Recommend** approval of Dr. Worth to conduct psychiatric assessment of special education student # 5959903931 at a rate of \$550.00 per assessment/report.
25. **Recommend** approval of the creation of a Central Fund account for “Class of 2019”.
26. **Recommend** approval of the creation of a Central Fund account for “Athletic Leadership Club”.
27. **Recommend** approval of the acceptance of a gift card donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Ocean First Bank from the school’s application for a Model Classroom Grant- funds to be used for educational supplies.
28. **Recommend** approval of the Plan of Action for the 2019-2020 School District Budget, as per **Document I**.
29. **Recommend** approval of the Facility Rental Agreement with the Atlantic Club for the 2018-2019 Manasquan High School Swim Team practices and swim meets, in the amount of \$15,710, as per **Document J**. (No increase in rental cost from 2018-2019)
30. **Recommend** approval of the following pay applications (*pending attorney review*):
 - Pay Application #3 – Shorelands Construction, Inc. – Alternative Education Building Renovations, in the amount of \$73,052.63.
 - Pay Application #4 (Final) – Shorelands Construction, Inc. – Alternative Education Building Renovations, in the amount of \$7,033.60.
 - Pay Application #3 – The LandTek Group, Inc. – MHS Lower Field Athletic Facility Improvement Project, in the amount of \$371,860.02.
31. **Recommend** approval of an emergency contract with ServPro to remediate storm related water damage to the high school lower level and board office basement and weight room, in the amount of \$10,483.36. Purchases of services in response to an emergency can be made without regard to public quote/bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1. A reimbursement from a submitted insurance claim has been received and covered most of the cost.
32. **Recommend** approval of the 2018-2019 Manasquan Board of Education Goals and Manasquan District Goals.
33. **Recommend** approval of the sixty (60) month, fair market value lease agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc. for seven (7) new Ricoh Multi-Functional Copiers/Printers/Scanners and Print Management Solution to replace existing copiers in the High School Copy Room (2), High School Principal’s Office (1); High School Media Center (1), Elementary School Main Office (1), Elementary School Pod B (1), and BOE Superintendent’s Office (1), at a monthly cost of \$2,798.07. (NJ State Contract #40467) This agreement includes service and supplies (excluding paper) and will result in an approximate \$550 monthly savings to the district, as per **Document K**. (*pending review and approval of board attorney*).

*Dr. Worth
Psychiatric
Assessment*

*Central Fund
Class of 2019*

*Central Fund
Athletic
Leadership club*

*Ocean First
Bank Model
Classroom
Grant*

*2019-20
Budget Plan of
Action
Document I*

*2018-19
Atlantic Club
Agreement
Document J*

*Pay App #3 –
Shorelands*

*Pay App #4
Shorelands*

*Pay App #3
LandTek Group*

*Serv Pro
Emergency
Services*

*2018-19 BOE
Goals and
District Goals*

*Ricoh Copier
Lease
Agreement*

Professional Days

34. Recommend approval of the attendance of staff members at conferences/workshops indicated below:

H.S.
Professional
Days

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Sub</u>	<u>Cost</u>
October 23, 2018	Susan Lord	Bridgewater	Anxiety and Depression Workshop	No	Mileage-\$33.48
October 25, 2018	James Fagen	New Brunswick	Mock Trial Workshop	Yes	Mileage-\$13.64
November 30, 2018	James Fagen	Princeton	NJCHE History Conference	Yes	Registration-\$80.00 Mileage-\$15.50
December 2-4, 2018	Amy Edwards	Long Branch	2018 NJASL Annual Conference	Yes	Registration-\$175.00
May 7-10, 2019	Margaret Polak	San Diego, CA	2019 General and Special Education Conference	No	Airfare-\$396.40 Registration-\$499.00 Hotel-\$753.52 Meals/Incidentals-\$355.00
October 30, 2018	Chryseis McHugh	Lyndhurst	Decoding Cancer	Yes	Mileage-\$42.00 Registration-\$100.00
October 30, 2018	Katelyn Festa	Lyndhurst	Decoding Cancer	Yes	Mileage-\$42.00 Registration-\$100.00
October 16, 2018	Craig Murin	Ocean Township	Supervisor Meeting	No	None
November 30, 2018	Jason Bryant	Princeton	NJ Council for History Education	Yes	Registration-\$85.00
October 26, 2018	Claire Kozic	Middlesex County Vo-Tech	HOSA Advisor Meeting	Yes	Mileage - \$9.00
November 16, 2018 March 29, 2019 May 31, 2019	Lynn Coates	MOCSSIF Insurance Meetings	Location TBD	No	None
November 13, 2018	Barbara Kerensky Jesse Place	Galloway	Corrective Action Plans and Progressive Supervision	No	Registration-\$178.00 Mileage-\$36.33 each

Student Action

Field Trips

35. Recommend approval of the field trips listed below:

H.S. Field Trips

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Sub</u>	<u>Other Board Costs</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>
November 16, 2018	Kevin Hyland Claire Kozic	Sports Medicine	Rutgers University	Medical Lab	Yes-1	None	None

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H.S. Field Trips
(continued)

November 5, 2018	Amy Edwards	Grades 10-12	Belmar	Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority Tour	Yes-1	Bus-\$375.00	None
March 20, 2019 May 23, 2019	Amy Edwards Barbara Buckley Jason Bryant Nurse (TBD)	Academy of Engineering Grades 9-12	Rutgers, Busch Campus, Piscataway	Rutgers Engineering Career Day	Yes-3	Bus-\$400.00 each date	None
October 24, 2018 (Joint Trip with MES)	Nancy Knitter	ESL	Ellis Island	National Immigration Museum	Yes-1	None	MESE F Grant Funded
2018-2019 SY (1 time per week)	Margaret Polak Kelly Balon	Lifeskills	Community Environment Trips	Environmental Skill Development	No	None	None
October 30, 2018	Claire Kozic James Fagen Eric Wasnesky	Academy of Health Careers	New York City	Cultural and History Experience	Yes-3	Bus - \$400.00	None
January 3, 2019	Pamela Puryear Margaret Polak Nurse (TBD)	Lifeskills	ACME-Manasquan	Shopping Experience	Yes-1	None	None
February 22-24, 2019	James Fagen Jason Bryant Nurse (TBD)	Model UN	New York City	Model UN Conference	Yes-3	Bus - \$400.00	None
October 17, 2018 November 12, 2018 November 16, 2018 November 19, 2018 November 28, 2018 November 30, 2018 December 5, 2018 January 8, 2019 January 15, 2019 January 25, 2019 February 9, 2019 March 15, 2019 March 28, 2019 April 4, 2019 April 11, 2019	Lisa Crowning	Academic Team	Various Locations	Academic Team Competition	Yes - 1	Bus - \$300.00 Each Date	None
October 30, 2018	Jill Santucci Brian Rostron Kelley Katona Donya Manovill	Peer Leaders	Sea Girt	Tour of Barlow's Garden Center	Yes-2	None	None

Placement of Students on Home Instruction

36. **Recommend** that the following student(s) be placed on home instruction, as requested by Guidance or the Child Study Team and approved by the school physician:

- #5127196755 Grade 10 October 1, 2018 – November 1, 2018 (Medical)
- #6393163643 Grade 11 October 1, 2018 – November 1, 2018 (Medical)
- #4491790746 Grade 11 October 1, 2018 – November 1, 2018 (Medical)
- #8543442409 Grade 11 October 17, 2018 – November 17, 2018 (Medical)

H.S. Home
Instruction

Mr. Pellegrino said that it was his intention to include an Item 36B to approve the Homework and Assessments Policy #2330 with the revisions; however, the board attorney advised that there must be two readings in order to revise a policy. Ms. Pettineo said that tonight would address the first reading with the second vote being conducted at the next meeting. Dr. Kasyan respectfully asked the board if a committee could be formed to rewrite this policy. Mrs. Bossone suggested waiting three weeks to see if things settle in. Mr. Pellegrino said if action is not taken tonight on the first reading the policy will not be enacted until December. He said it is not the boards intention to micro-manage and the parameters in this policy do not take away the autonomy of the teacher but set reasonable guidelines that should not be exceeded. This is why it is imperative to be brought to a vote and then decide if we want to establish parameters based on what has been heard or seen in the last two months.

Dr. Kasyan said he was not here when block scheduling began and students had three hours of homework last year and now they have five hours. He believes it will balance itself. Mr. Pellegrino pointed out the importance of doing something now and not waiting to put together a committee. Dr. Kasyan said that the teacher should be the one deciding on the assignments. Further discussion took place on homework and board members said that the majority of parents are complaining about homework. Dr. Kasyan asked that everyone read the back page of the policy that addresses assessments.

Mr. Loffredo asked why with having a full year class there is so much homework and is there a curriculum issue that needs to be addressed. Is it possible that teachers are not looking at the year as a whole to teach the course? Dr. Kasyan said that the schedule will provide continuity and has brought to life some problems with the homework being assigned and the method of instruction. Changes need to be addressed with the methodology and the concept of homework. Dr. Kasyan said that homework needs to reflect on what was taught during the day and be inquiry based.

Mrs. Kerensky said that issues were addressed with the staff during the summer months and on October 8th issues were shared that were present since the start of the school year. She agreed that what takes one student fifteen minutes might take another student thirty minutes. She said there are many things that need to be investigated with the homework being given out and adjustments need to be made too. Mrs. McGarry spoke on an experience her son is having with a specific type of homework being assigned in one of his classes that has been an issue with other parents and students. She also pointed out that even if the first reading is not addressed in order to take more time to review the policy she does not want it to seem that the board is not addressing the issue. Mrs. Kerensky said there are accurate students' comments and some that are not when she reviews the teachers Canvas page on homework. If the board feels the policy is the way to go that's a good thing but there is other work that needs to be done. Mr. Warren said it is a good plan but some teachers were not prepared to the change and change takes time. He said students need to be ready for college acceptance and feels there will be kids that are sacrificed because we didn't plan better. Dr. Kasyan said we set the bar high and now we have to get the students over that bar. Mr. Warren said it is important that those teachers that are falling behind are given the most help. Mrs. Kenney said that issues are being addressed individually with teachers when problems are being brought to her attention.

37. Old Business/New Business

Dr. Kasyan said the first reading of the policy will take place this evening and the second reading will take place at the November 13th meeting. Mr. Pellegrino asked the board to email Mrs. Coates if there are any suggestions for changes to the policy. Mrs. McGarry asked how policy changes are communicated to staff. Dr. Kasyan said policies of such magnitude are emailed to the staff.

38. Public Forum

Mr. Pellegrino opened the second public forum. Seeing no public participation, he closed the public forum.

Discussion on
Homework and
Assessment
Policy #2330

Old & New
Business

Discussion on
1st Reading –
Policy #2330

Public Forum

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session and read the following statement.

Executive
Session

Motion was made by Mrs. DiPalma, seconded by Mr. Sorino, and approved by voice vote of all those present in favor, to enter into executive session at 9:14 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED

39. Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.*, (the “Act”) provides that the Manasquan Board of Education hold an “Executive Session” from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed in Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Superintendent that the Manasquan Board of Education go into Executive Session on this date in Manasquan, New Jersey, to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be thirty (30) minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall reconvene and proceed with business, and,

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public’s interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Manasquan Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- ___ 1. Confidential Matters per Statute or Court Order
- ___ 2. Impact Rights to Receive Federal Funds
- ___ 3. Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy
- X 4. Collective Bargaining (Update on MEA Negotiations)
- ___ 5. Acquisition of Real Property or Investment of Fund
- ___ 6. Public Safety Procedures
- ___ 7. Litigation or Contract Matters or Att./Client
- X 8. Personnel Matters (Hiring, Resignation, Leave of Absence)
- ___ 9. Imposition of Penalties Upon an Individual

ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL RESULT IN BOARD ACTION WHEN THE BOARD RECONVENES TO PUBLIC SESSION.

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to reconvene the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Sorino, seconded by Mrs. McGarry, and approved by voice vote of all those present in favor to reconvene the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting
Reconvened

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to approve Manasquan Item #40.

Motion was made by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Bolderman, to approve Manasquan Item #40 – Elementary School Personnel, as specified in Document 4.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (9); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (0)

MOTION CARRIED

Manasquan
Item #40

**MANASQUAN
Personnel**

40. Recommend approval of the Elementary School personnel as per **Document 4.**

E.S. Personnel
Document 4

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to approve Manasquan/Sending District Item #41.

Motion was made by Mr. Sorino, seconded by Mr. Cattani, to approve Manasquan/Sending District Item 41 – High School Personnel, as specified in Document L.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes (10); Nays (0); Abstain (0); Absent (2) Mr. Furey, Mr. Vitale

MOTION CARRIED

Manasquan/
Sending
District Item
#41

MANASQUAN/SENDING DISTRICTS

Personnel

41. Recommend approval of the High School personnel as per Document L.

H.S. Personnel
Document L

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion re-open Old/New Business Item 41.5.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bossone, seconded by Mrs. DiPalma, and approve by voice vote of all those present in favor to re-open Old/New Business, as per Item #41.5.

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED

Item 41.5
Old/New
Business

Dr. Kasyan apologized for his passionate exchange with the board president but he wants the best for Manasquan and its students. He is proud of the academic excellence as well as the athletic excellence. He asked the board to provide him with a month to return with a plan on how afford students the opportunity if they choose to take a study hall and see how this would affect the credit requirement.

Discussion on
the following:

Study Hall
Option

Mr. Pellegrino said currently 150 credits are required to graduate from Manasquan. If Manasquan lowered the requirement for incoming freshman to 140 credits it would be possible to offer a study hall to the students for four years. A discussion took place on the benefits of offering this option to the students that would provide a silent environment for them to do homework and ask questions to the teacher. Dr. Kasyan said that his observations of study halls in the past few years showed that they were not used effectively by some of the students. Mr. Pellegrino said that waiting to see if things smooth out will not help the student who is struggling at this time. Dr. Kasyan suggested surveying the students. Mr. Sorino said that the study hall option will be taken advantage of by the students who are having difficulty with the homework. Dr. Kasyan said that if any changes are provided to Mrs. Coates on the homework and assessment policy they will be presented at the November meeting in addition to the decision to provide the option of a study hall next year and lowering of the credit requirement.

Reduction of
Credit
Requirement

Homework &
Assessment
Policy

Mr. Pellegrino asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr. Loffredo, seconded by Mr. Sorino, and approved by voice vote of all those present to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

42. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,



Lynn Coates

Board Secretary